

# **Imposing punishments on adults**

## **Abstract**

My diploma thesis deals with the issue of imposing punishments on adult persons. This thesis attempts to cover a very broad range of issues related to the topic and to provide readers with a clear and comprehensive overview. For this purpose, this thesis is presented in four main consecutive parts, each divided into several subchapters.

The first chapter briefly introduces the history of punishment and the individual historical criminal codes used in the area of the present-day Czech Republic from 1787 to now. The second chapter begins with a definition of punishment. This term is closely associated with the purpose of punishment, which is harder to define due to the lack of a clear definition in currently applicable legislation. This is why this chapter also deals with the theory of punishment and its purpose. The cornerstone of this thesis comprises the explanation of the main principles governing the imposition of punishment that is provided in the third chapter. This part is rather extensive in scope as it explains general principles, determining the type and the scope of punishment, as well as mitigating and aggravating circumstances and the closely related exclusion of double punishment. Given the current circumstances, I also touched upon punishments imposed during the state of emergency. The fourth and final chapter of my thesis deals with imposition of punishment in the case of simultaneity of crimes. This part begins with a definition of simultaneity and further elaborates on the three main principles governing the imposition of punishment. Finally, it also provides a detailed overview of the legal concepts of concurrent and aggregate sentences. The objective of my thesis is to present a cohesive and succinct text that comprehensively summarises the topic. In writing this thesis, I relied upon a number of professional publications and articles and the thesis also uses a number of examples from case law to facilitate better understanding and further illustrate the topic.

## **Keywords**

**Punishment and its purpose**

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